

MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

TO: Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information

WEEK OF: February 26-March 4, 2011

Contributors to the Montana Wolf Weekly are Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Universities, USDA Wildlife Services (WS), the National Park Service (NPS; Glacier NP; Yellowstone National Park will be reported in the Wyoming Wolf Weekly), US Forest Service, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and the Blackfeet Nation. Highlighted activities relate to: monitoring, wolf-livestock interactions, outreach and education, research, law enforcement, and other miscellaneous topics of public interest. The Weekly Report will be available each Monday, covering the previous week. It and other wolf program information (including the 2009 annual report) can be found on the FWP website.

WOLF MONITORING ACTIVITIES:

Flights: Nothing reported.

WOLF-LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES:

3/3 – Lance reported that WS killed a wolf in the Big Hole from the Twin Lakes pack. WS will continue to work on the management action.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION:

3/3 - Blackfoot range rider Peter Brown and Bradley attended the Blackfoot Community Conservation Area (BCCA) council meeting in Ovando and talked about the 2010 rider program and prospective 2011 season and gave an update on wolf management and current wolf activity in the valley.

Laudon presented on wolf ecology, monitoring, and the FWP wolf program to Condon area residents. This was hosted by the Swan Ecosystem Center and about 24 in attendance.

3/4 - Bradley visited a biology class of ~ 20 students at Big Sky High School in Missoula and answered questions about wolf management.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES: Nothing reported.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RELATED ACTIVITIES: Nothing reported.

OTHER UPDATES: Nothing reported.

To learn more about Montana's wolf population, the Montana program and to help FWP monitor wolves by reporting wolf sign, visit FWP online. Use the following shortcut link and be sure to update your bookmarks: <http://fwp.mt.gov/wolf>

To anonymously report a dead or injured wolf or suspected illegal activity, call: 1-800-TIP-MONT or 1-800-847-6668.

To request an investigation of injured or dead livestock, call USDA Wildlife Services directly in western Montana / Helena area at 406-458-0106 or in eastern Montana at the statewide office at 406-657-6464. Or, call your nearest FWP representative to have your call referred to Wildlife Services.

If you have a confirmed or probable livestock death loss due to wolves, USDA Wildlife Services will supply you with a copy of the Loss Reimbursement Application form. For more information, see <http://liv.mt.gov/liv/LM/index.asp> Or, contact the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Program Coordinator, George Edwards at the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-5609.
